

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1-53. (Cancelled) Newly cancelled Claims 42-44 and 47-53 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Previously cancelled Claims 1-41, 45 and 46 were also cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

54. (Previously Presented) A fish hook and a fishing line comprising:  
a shank;  
a hook disposed at a first end of the shank;  
an eye disposed at a second end of the shank;  
the eye having a distal end disposed adjacent to and permanently spaced a selected distance from the shank to allow a portion of the fishing line to slide into the eye;  
the fishing line having a diameter;  
the distance between the distal end of the eye and the shank at least equal to approximately twice the diameter of the fishing line;  
a blocker disposed on and forming an integral part of the eye to prevent the portion of the fishing line from sliding off the eye;  
a sliding loop formed on a first end of the fishing line by a sliding loop knot;  
the sliding loop providing the portion of the line which slides into the eye;  
the sliding loop having a diameter which may be decreased by movement of a sliding loop knot to releasably engage the fishing line with the eye by clenching the sliding loop against the eye and which may be released by movement of the sliding loop knot to allow movement of the sliding loop over the blocker and disengagement of the sliding loop from the eye;  
the sliding loop knot operable for movement along a central portion of the fishing line to allow engaging and disengaging the sliding loop from the eye of the fish hook;  
the fishing line having a first section defined in part by the sliding loop formed on the first end and a second end;

the fishing line having a second section defined in part by a respective first end and a respective second end; and

the second end of the first section releasably engaged with the first end of the second section.

55. (Previously Presented) A fish hook and a fishing line comprising:

a shank;

a hook disposed at a first end of the shank;

an eye having a generally circular configuration disposed at a second end of the shank;

the eye having a distal end disposed adjacent to and permanently spaced a selected distance from the shank to allow a portion of the fishing line to slide into the eye;

the fishing line having a diameter;

the distance between the distal end of the eye and the shank at least equal to approximately twice the diameter of the fishing line;

a blocker disposed on and forming an integral part of the eye to prevent the portion of the fishing line from sliding off the eye;

the distal end of the eye, the eye and the shank disposed in approximately the same plane;

a sliding loop formed on a first end of the fishing line by a sliding loop knot;

the sliding loop providing the portion of the line which slides into the eye;

the sliding loop having a diameter which may be decreased by movement of a sliding loop knot to releasably engage the fishing line with the eye by clenching the sliding loop against the eye and which may be released by movement of the sliding loop knot to allow movement of the sliding loop over the blocker and disengagement of the sliding loop from the eye;

the sliding loop knot operable for movement along a central portion of the fishing line to allow engaging and disengaging the sliding loop from the eye of the fish hook;

the fishing line having a first section defined in part by the sliding loop formed on the first end and a second end;

the fishing line having a second section defined in part by a respective first end and a respective second end; and

the second end of the first section releasably engaged with the first end of the second section.

56. (Previously Presented) A fish hook and a fishing line comprising:
- the fishing line having a first diameter;
  - a shank having a second diameter;
  - a hook disposed at a first end of the shank;
  - an eye disposed at a second end of the shank;
  - the eye having a distal end disposed adjacent to and permanently spaced a selected distance from the shank to allow a portion of the fishing line to slide into the eye;
  - the distance between the distal end of the eye and the shank equal to at least twice the diameter of the fishing line;
  - a blocker disposed on and forming an integral part of the eye to prevent the portion of the fishing line from sliding off the eye;
  - a sliding loop formed on a first end of the fishing line by a sliding loop knot;
  - the sliding loop providing the portion of the line which slides into the eye;
  - the sliding loop having a diameter which may be decreased by movement of a sliding loop knot to releasably engage the fishing line with the eye by clenching the sliding loop against the eye and which may be released by movement of the sliding loop knot to allow movement of a sliding loop over the blocker and disengagement of the sliding loop from the eye;
  - the sliding loop knot operable for movement along a central portion of the fishing line to allow engaging and disengaging the sliding loop from the eye of the fish hook;
  - the fishing line having a first section defined in part by the sliding loop formed on the first end and a second end;
  - the fishing line having a second section defined in part by a respective first end and a respective second end;
  - the second end of the first section releasably engaged with the first end of the second section;

a first fixed loop formed on the second end of the first section;  
a second fixed loop formed on the first end of the second section; and  
the first fixed loop and the second fixed loop releasably engaged with each other.

57. (Previously Presented) A fish hook and a fishing line comprising:  
the fishing line having a first diameter;  
a shank having a second diameter;  
a hook disposed at a first end of the shank;  
an eye having a generally circular configuration disposed at a second end of the shank;  
the eye having a diameter approximately equal to twice the diameter of the shank;  
the eye having a distal end disposed adjacent to and permanently spaced a selected distance from the shank to allow a portion of the fishing line to slide into the eye;  
the distance between the distal end of the eye and the shank equal to approximately twice the diameter of the shank;  
a blocker disposed on and forming an integral part of the eye to prevent the portion of the fishing line from sliding off the eye;  
the distal end of the eye, the eye and the shank disposed in approximately the same plane;  
a sliding loop formed on a first end of the fishing line by a sliding loop knot;  
the sliding loop providing the portion of the line which slides into the eye;  
the sliding loop having a diameter which may be decreased by movement of a sliding loop knot to releasably engage the fishing line with the eye by clenching the sliding loop against the eye and which may be released by movement of the sliding loop knot to allow movement of a sliding loop over the blocker and disengagement of the sliding loop from the eye;  
the sliding loop knot operable for movement along a central portion of the fishing line to allow engaging and disengaging the sliding loop from the eye of the fish hook;  
the fishing line having a first section defined in part by the sliding loop formed on the first end and a second end;

the fishing line having a second section defined in part by a respective first end and a respective second end;

the second end of the first section releasably engaged with the first end of the second section;

a first fixed loop formed on the second end of the first section;

a second fixed loop formed on the first end of the second section; and

the first fixed loop and the second fixed loop releasably engaged with each other.

58. (Previously Presented) A fish hook and a fishing line comprising:

a shank;

a hook disposed at a first end of the shank;

an eye disposed at a second end of the shank;

the eye having a distal end disposed adjacent to and permanently spaced a selected distance from the shank to allow a portion of the fishing line to slide into the eye;

a blocker disposed on and forming an integral part of the eye to prevent the portion of the fishing line from sliding off the eye;

the distal end of the eye, the eye and the shank disposed in approximately the same plane;

a sliding loop formed on a first end of the fishing line by a sliding loop knot;

the sliding loop providing the portion of the line which slides into the eye;

the sliding loop having a diameter which may be decreased by movement of a sliding loop knot to releasably engage the fishing line with the eye by clenching the sliding loop against the eye and which may be released by movement of the sliding loop knot to allow movement of a sliding loop over the blocker and disengagement of the sliding loop from the eye;

the sliding loop knot operable for movement along a central portion of the fishing line to allow engaging and disengaging the sliding loop from the eye of the fish hook;

the fishing line having a first section defined in part by the sliding loop formed on the first end and a second end;

the fishing line having a second section defined in part by a respective first end and a respective second end;

the second end of the first section releasably engaged with the first end of the second section;

a first fixed loop formed on the second end of the first section;

a second fixed loop formed on the first end of the second section; and

the first fixed loop and the second fixed loop releasably engaged with each other.